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Title: DATA PROTECTION SYSTEM, DATA PREPARATION DEVICE, AND DATA WORKING DEVICE

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 29, 1999, having a period for response set to expire December 29, 1999. The following amendment and remarks are respectfully submitted, and reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please amend the claims as follows:

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02 FC:103 18.00 CH

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1. (AMENDED) A data protection system for protecting data [required for allowance for the use] requiring authorization for use [to avoid the use without permission thereof in the case when the data is utilized] against unauthorized use during data utilization, comprising:

- means for storing input data;
- means for preparing data;
- means for generating information relating to the input data which is to be utilized in the prepared data;